



# NEWS RELEASE

**Today's Date:** March 29, 2012

**District:** 2

**Contact:** Lori Mathiesen

**Phone:** (530) 229-0511

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **\$271 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING AWARDED TO UPGRADE TRANSPORTATION AND ENHANCE STATE'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

**REDDING** – The California Transportation Commission today allocated \$271 million in new funding to 73 projects that will improve the state's highways and rail systems and enhance the state's economic recovery.

"We are focused on reducing traffic congestion, increasing safety, and improving goods movement to boost California's economy," said Acting Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

The awarded funding includes \$214 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. In total, more than \$11 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been distributed statewide.

The remaining \$57 million in allocations came from assorted transportation accounts funded by state and federal dollars.

Among the projects that received funding today were:

#### **PLUMAS COUNTY:**

\$8 million was allocated to replace and upgrade the metal beam guardrail and place new retaining walls in the Feather River Canyon on SR 70, from the county line to the Spanish Creek Bridge. This is anticipated to be a two season project, with \$2 million allocated from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) and the additional \$6 million through an Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) federal grant.

Please see the attached file for more information about all projects that received allocations today.

###

